

We claim:

1 1 A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:
2 A/1 parsing input source information into elements;
3 identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria;
4 designating said placeable elements by type.

1 2. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining a source locale.

1 3. A method for processing source information according to claim 2,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 applying a source placeable identifier to determine said type of said
4 element.

1 4. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining a target locale.

1 5. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 applying a target placeable converter to convert said type of
4 said element.

1 6. A method for processing source information according to claim 2,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 applying said source locale to determine said element by type.

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A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
further comprising the step of :
converting said element into a language-independent format.

1 8. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the steps of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;
4 placing said placeable directly into a target output.

1 9. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the steps of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a date;
4 converting said date into a target information according to a
5 target locale information.

1 10. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the steps of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;
4 converting said placeable into a language independent format.

11. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the steps of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun;
4 converting said placeable into a meta-representation.

1 12. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the steps of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a date;
4 converting said placeable into a language independent format.

1 13. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining whether said placeable requires conversion.

1 14. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a proper noun.

1 15. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining whether said placeable is a date.

1 16. A method for processing source information according to claim 1,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 determining output requirement for conversions.

1 17. A computer driven language processing system for processing source
2 information comprising:
3 a parser;
4 an element identifier, connected to an output of said parser;
5 a type designator, connected to an output of said element identifier.

1 19. A method for processing source information comprising the steps of:

2 segmenting input source information into elements;

3 identifying placeable elements by a predetermined criteria;

4 designating said placeable elements by type.

1 20. A method for processing source information according to claim 8,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 comparing said placeable elements to a data set.

1 21. A method for processing source information according to claim 8,
2 further comprising the step of :
3 comparing said placeable elements by type to a data set.

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